

IN THE SPECIFICATION

[0059] A method for assembling the motor vehicle door 10 begins with securing each of the plurality of hardware components, including the inside release handle 22 ~~18~~, the inside release cable 20, the power actuator and lock assembly 18 22, and the window regulator 26 24, and the wiring harness (not shown) 26, to the secondary trim component 30 to form the door module assembly 40. The secondary trim component 30 is formed separately from the trim panel 28. During attachment of the hardware components to the secondary trim component 30, the hardware components are aligned therealong so that the hardware components are properly oriented after complete assembly of the door 10. The access holes 42 are formed in the inner sheet metal layer 16 by stamping or other conventional methods. The door module assembly 40 is then at least partially inserted into the access holes 42 of the inner sheet metal layer 16 for mounting to the structural door body 12. The trim panel 28 is then secured over the door module assembly 40 to complete assembly of the door 10. If servicing of any of the hardware components is required, the trim panel 28 may be detached from the inner sheet metal layer 16 to expose the door module assembly 40, which is still mounted to the inner sheet metal layer 16. Access to the hardware components may be gained by reaching through the top portions 44 of the access holes 42, thus obviating the need for further disassembly of the door 10.

[0060] In another method for assembling the motor vehicle door 10, the method begins with securing each of the plurality of hardware components, including the inside release handle 22 ~~18~~, the inside release cable 20, the power actuator and lock assembly 18 22, and the window regulator 24, ~~and the~~ wiring harness (not shown) 26, to the map pocket component 32. The map pocket component 32 is formed separately from the trim panel 28. During attachment of the hardware components to the map pocket component 32, the hardware components are aligned therealong so that the hardware components are properly oriented after complete assembly of the door 10. The access holes 42 are formed in the inner sheet metal layer 16 by stamping or other conventional methods. The door module assembly 40 is then at least partially inserted into the access holes 42 of the inner sheet metal layer 16 for mounting to the structural door body 12. The trim panel 28 is then secured over the door module assembly 40 to complete assembly of the door 10. If servicing of any of the hardware components is required, the trim panel 28 may be detached from the inner sheet metal layer 16 to expose the door module assembly 40, which is

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still mounted to the inner sheet metal layer 16. Access to the hardware components may be gained by reaching through the access holes 42, thus obviating the need for further disassembly of the door 10.